

I ask you to reduce the number of media outlets in one ownership, and open up low power broadcast as we were promised. Competition in news outlets has faded away in my lifetime, and with it the quality of broadcast material. With so few owning so many outlets, there is no need for them to put informative programming on the air, and they avoid any sort of controversy at all costs, meaning political news gets almost no coverage except the horse race aspect of election, and government at all levels is rarely reported in any depth, a vital function of news outlets in a democracy. Without competitive news outlets telling their different sides of stories and providing investigation of stories, our democracy can never recover from the voter apathy we suffer from today.